

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Sususmu SEINO et al.

Serial No.:

09/617,099

Filed

July 14, 2000

For

PROTEIN RIM2

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Rita Mitra

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 22, 2002, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are requested. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was set in the Office Action to expire on January 22, 2003, this amendment is being filed in a timely manner and no Extension of Time is deemed necessary. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office deems an Extension necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application, such as any necessary extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

-IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8-10 and amend claims 4-5 as follows (A marked-up copy of the amended claims is provided as an attachment to this Response):

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ A Request for Extension of Time.

X No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims: 9	20*	0	x 9=	\$0.00	x 18=	\$
Indep. Claims: 2	*3*	0	x 42=	\$0.00	x 84=	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			140=	\$0.00	+280=	\$
Extension Fees for Month				\$0.00		\$
			Total:	\$0.00	Total:	\$

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X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

_X_Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 CFR 1.136)(a)(3).

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